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DEPARTMENT OF WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT

Division of Economic Support
Bureau of Welfare Initiatives

**TO: Economic Support Supervisors
Economic Support Lead Workers
Training Staff
FSET Administrative and Provider Agencies
Child Care Coordinators
W-2 Agencies**

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SUBJECT: COLA-RELATED CHANGES - CORRECTIONS

CROSS REFERENCE: BWI Operations Memo 98-87
MA Handbook Release 99-01

EFFECTIVE DATE: 01/01/99

PURPOSE

This memo corrects 2 amounts included in Operations Memo 98-87 and provides a third amount that should have been included in that memo.

BACKGROUND

Operations Memo 98-87 provided you with the dollar amount changes in Medical Assistance related to the Social Security Administration (SSA) cost of living adjustment (COLA). That memo, and the Medical Assistance Handbook release 99-01 (at printing) contain erroneous figures in 2 instances. The new Community Spouse Asset Share (CSAS) and Income Allocation maximums are incorrect in both of those documents. The correct figures appear on the next page.

The amount you use in calculating the CSAS in MAH 23.4.2 should have been included in Operations Memo 98-87 but was not. That figure also appears on the next page.

CORRECTIVE ACTION

Correct any incorrect eligibility decisions made using these incorrect figures when someone requests such action or you become aware of the incorrect decision.

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Non W-2 ☒ W-2 ☐ CC ☐

PRIORITY: URGENT

CARES

The corrections to the CARES tables are being made. DES will alert agencies by DXBM message when the changes are in place.

SPOUSAL IMPOVERISHMENT INCOME ALLOCATION AND ASSET SHARE

Cross Reference: **MAH**, Appendix 23.4.2 and 23.6.0.

Effective Date: 01-01-99

CARES: The incorrect amount was part of the 12/04/98 CARES mass change.

ITEM	NEW AMOUNT	OLD AMOUNT
Community Spouse Asset Share (CSAS) maximum	Correct = \$ 81,960.00 Incorrect = \$ 81,810.00	\$ 80,760.00
Income allocation	Correct = \$ 2,049.00 Incorrect = \$ 2,044.00	\$ 2,019.00

SPOUSAL IMPOVERISHMENT - TOTAL COUNTABLE ASSETS

Cross Reference: **MAH**, Appendix 23.4.2 (table)

Effective Date: 01-01-99

CARES: The incorrect amount was part of the 12/04/98 CARES mass change.

ITEM	NEW AMOUNT	OLD AMOUNT
Total Countable Assets	Correct = \$ 163,920.00 Incorrect = \$ 163,620.00	\$ 161,520.00